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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 2302

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SHERER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EFIN, CZ, US

SUBJECT: US-CZECHOSLOVAK CLAIMS AGREEMENT

REF: PRAGUE 2293

1. HEAD OF SIXTH DEPARTMENT MFA, ZANTOVSKY, CALLED IN CHARGE AGAIN SEPTEMBER 18 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF LONG- GRAVEL AMENDMENT.

2. ZANTOVSKY DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO COMMUNICATE, BUT IT BECAME CLEAR THAT HE IS TRYING HARD TO PREPARE FOR HUSAK AND FONMIN CHNOUPEK'S RETURN AT 1530 PRAGUE TIME (1030 WASHINGTON TIME) THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19. HE WILL BE AT AIRPORT TO MEET THEM AND OBVIOUSLY EXPECTS FAIRLY TOUGH GRILLING THEN OR SOON AFTERWARDS.

3. DURING CONVERSATION ZANTOVSKY DEVELOPED LINE OF THOUGHT APPARENTLY BASED ON WHAT HE THOUGHT HIS SUPERIORS MIGHT ASK  
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HIM, TO WIT, DID THIS AMEMDMENT REPRESENT A NEW FACE TO US

POLICY? HE MENTIONED FACT THAT SENATOR LONG WAS REPORTED IN PRESS AS HAVING MET WITH PRESIDENT AROUND AUGUST 15 (ABOUT SAME TIME AS SENATOR JACKSON AND OTHERS) TO TALK ABOUT TRADE BILL. HE ALSO REFERRED TO POPOV AND GIEREK VISITS, AS WELL AS TO REPORTS HE HAD HEARD OF RETURN OF SOME GOLD TO ANOTHER EE COUNTRY BY US, AND ASKED IF IN FACT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD A POLICY OF MAKING CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST AND LEAST.

4. CHARGE REPLIED THAT USG HAD NEGOTIATED CLAIMS AGREEMENT IN GOOD FAITH AND WAS FIGHTING TO REVERSE COMMITTEE ACTION ON LONG-GRAVEL AMENDMENT SO THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED AS PLANNED. CHARGE SAID HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ADMINISTRATION HAD CHANGED ITS POLICY ON DETENTE IN GENERAL OR TOWARDS CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN PARTICULAR. HE ASSURED ZANTOVSKY THAT USG WISHED TO SEE AGREEMENT SIGNED AND TO PURSUE POLICY OF NORMALIZATION OF US- CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS.

5. ZANTOVSKY ASKED AGAIN THAT WE PROVIDE HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION WE HAD THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN HIS BRIEFING OF THE RETURNEES FROM FINLAND OCTOBER 19.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INFORMATION RECEIVED LATE IN DAY SEPTEMBER 19 WILL BE USEFUL SEPTEMBER 20, EMBASSY WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE SOME PROGRESS REPORT -- OR ANY NEWS THAT MIGHT BE SHARED WITH CZECHS -- IN TIME TO PROVIDE TO ZANTOVSKY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT 1430 SEPTEMBER 19. E.G. IF TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO SENATOR LONG, OR SOME IDEAS FROM IT , MIGHT BE PROVIDED, THIS WOULD BE USEFUL.  
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